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FROM: London

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 1669, October 23, 10 pm

PRIORITY

From about 6:30 p.m. crowd shouting "Hands off Cuba" etc, began gather outside Embassy and by 8:30 p.m. had reached approximately 2,000 who remained chanting and scuffling with police until break up under skillful police pressure about 10:30. At one time crowd broke police cordon and almost got through glass doors but police reinforcement finally succeeded in clearing steps.

We learn from British sources Cuban Embassy active in organizing demonstration which they plan continue daily. Police compliment cooperative: Several battered in melee: About 300 on hand at one time.

Since closing Embassy has received about 60 calls same themes Embassy telegram 1668.

Above reported in view likely sensational press coverage.

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